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SUBJECT : Hsi-an (Sian) Urban Area

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LOCATION : Shensi Province, China

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MAP DATA: : ATMP

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Hsi-an, China (34°16'N/108°54'E) is a large, growing industrial city located on the Lien-yun/Lan-chou railroad, approximately 800 miles west-northwest of Shanghai. Hsi-an was covered by good aerial photography for the first time

A study of this photography indicates that considerable cultural and economic expansion has taken place. The street pattern and built-up area has been extended to the south and east of the old city walls. Reportedly, the population has doubled since 1949 and is now estimated at approximately 1.5 million. The area south of the old city is being developed into an educational and institutional center. East of the old city at least eight new heavy industries and associated worker housing areas have been recently constructed. A large new marshalling yard is evident and the new industrial and storage areas are primarily rail served.

Some of the industries reported to be in or near Hsi-an are the following:

Atomic research center
Munitions plants
Iron and steel plants
Mining equipment plant
Thermal power plants
Textile mills

Railroad locomotive and car repair shop
Agricultural machinery plant
Electrical equipment and wire plants
Motor vehicle repair and assembly plants
Aircraft repair and assembly plant

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